of Delhi Police containing, *inter alia*, the allegations that (i) his son was not killed in the encounter but murdered in a planned and organized way; and (ii) on the basis of a forged marriage certificate, the entire family pension and gratuity along with the Gallantry Award have been grabbed by a lady who is claiming to be the wife of his deceased son. However, on enquiry conducted by Delhi Police, the allegations have been found to be false and baseless.

Hampering of anti-naxal operations due to shortage of helicopter pilots

†3424. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that helicopters are not being used in launching anti-naxal movement in naxal affected States due to shortage of pilots;

(b) whether Government have received any information from States in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Helicopters are provided to the naxal affected States mainly for need based movement of police personnel and evacuation of casualties. In the recent past, helicopters have been provided to Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra for such purposes.

Vacancies in various departments of the Home Ministry

3425. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies in various cadres as on 31.3.04 in all the departments under the Ministry;

(b) the number of vacancies filled in during last two years; and

(c) what are the backlog vacancies as on 31.3.2006?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Meetings of State authorities of naxal-affected States

3426. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many meetings with the state authorities of the naxal-affected States have been convened in last two years and the details of the outcome;

(b) whether Government have been able to set up an institutionalized mechanism to coordinate anti-naxal operations and intelligence sharing;

(c) whether Government recognized that the resolving naxal-problem would require rapid economic development of affected areas; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are considering to monitor the delivery of Centre sponsored developmental schemes at the village level and has any system to fix accountability of district and village level officials been evolved alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Two meetings of the Standing Committee of CMs of the naxal affected States, six meetings of the Coordination Centre and eleven meetings of the Task Force on naxalism have been held with naxal affected States since April, 2004.

The important decisions taken during these meetings include strengthening of intelligence gathering and sharing mechanism by the affected States, long-term deployment of Central police forces, inclusion of additional districts and items under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, modernization and upgradation of State Police forces and Police Stations for anti-naxalite operations, mounting of focused, coordinated and sustained intelligence based anti-naxalite operations, effective implementation of various development schemes, land reforms, PESA Act and in the affected areas, formulation of Resettlement and Rehabilitation (RR) Policy for local people etc.